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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An item of jewelry comprising a main body having an inlay area of concaved shape and a decorating part secured in said inlay area; wherein said decorating part is composed of a copper alloy ~~which contains~~ consisting essentially of 6 to 15 weight percent copper and 94 to 85 weight percent gold; said item of jewelry being secured in said inlay area by a layer of solder in said inlay area between said decorative part and said main body.

2. (Previously Presented) The item of jewelry as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said jewelry has a curved surface at said inlay area .

3. (Previously Presented) The item of jewelry as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said jewelry is selected from group of jewelry including rings, pendants, necklaces, earrings, cuff buttons, brooches, tie tacks, bangles, buckles, chokers, bracelets, watch band and glasses.

4. (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing jewelry including steps of forming a main body having inlaid portion of concaved shape, of forming an decorating part into made of copper alloy containing 6 to 15 weight percentage of copper and 94 to 85 weight percentage of gold, of applying flux joint surfaces main body and/or an

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decorating part, of inserting said decorating part in said inlaid portion, of soldering surfaces of border of main body and decorating parts.

5. (Withdrawn) A method of cleaning jewelry in Claim 1, wherein polishing process is applied on surface of decorating part after certain time of use.

6. (Previously Presented) The item of jewelry of claim 1 wherein said main body is made of a metal chosen from the group consisting of a gold alloy, a silver alloy, a platinum alloy, and combinations thereof.

7. (Previously Presented) The item of jewelry of claim 1 wherein said item of jewelry includes a flux applied to said main body and/or said decorating part prior to the insertion of said decorating part in said inlay area and solder placed about said decorating part at a junction of said decorating part and said main body; said layer of solder being formed by applying heat to said item of jewelry; whereby, under heat, the flux evaporates forming a gap between said decorating item and said main body and said solder is pulled into said gap to form said layer of solder.

8. (Currently Amended) An item of jewelry comprising a main body having an inlay area of concaved shape and a decorating part secured in said inlay area; said inlay area comprising a main channel and at least one groove extending from a side of said channel; said decorating part being composed of a copper alloy which contains 6 to 15 weight percent copper and 94 to 85 weight percent gold; ~~one or both of said decorating part and said inlay area being coated with a flux, such that said flux is~~

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~~positioned between said decorating part and a surface of said inlay area; said item of jewelry decorating part being secured in said inlay area; said decorating part corresponding in shape to the shape of the inlay area main channel; said decorating part being deformable to fill said at least one groove upon the application of pressure to said decorating part by a layer of solder which replaces said flux under the influence of heat; said solder securing said decorating part in said main body inlay area.~~

9. (New) The item of jewelry of Claim 8 wherein said at least one groove comprises at least a pair of oppositely positioned grooves; there being a first groove on a first side of said channel and a second groove on a second, opposite side of said channel; said first and second grooves of said pair of grooves being radially aligned with each other.

10. (New) The item of jewelry of Claim 9 wherein said main channel comprises two of said pairs of grooves; a first of said pairs of grooves being proximate a bottom of said channel and a second of said pairs of grooves being positioned about midway up the height of said groove.

11. (New) The item of jewelry of Claim 10 wherein said grooves of said upper pair of grooves are shaped differently from the grooves of said lower pair of grooves.

12. (New) The item of jewelry of Claim 11 wherein said grooves of said upper pair of grooves are generally trapezoidal in shape and the grooves of said lower pair of grooves are generally rectangular in shape.

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